

## SHIPPING ON THE INCREASE

Low Point Passed Several Weeks Earlier Than Had Been Expected

RISE IN TONNAGE TO CONTINUE STEADILY

The Result of a Number of Causes—Increased Output of American Yards

Washington, Feb. 21.—The low point of available shipping has been passed, two or three weeks earlier than officials expected, and confidence was expressed yesterday that the amount of shipping available for the future would increase steadily.

Several factors were said to have contributed to advancing the amount of available tonnage.

Included among them were the increased efficiency of the offensive against the submarines and the beginning of deliveries from American shipyards.

The transfer of neutral shipping to trade outside the war zone, thereby releasing tonnage for trans-Atlantic service, also contributed to the increase of available bottoms. Improvements in harbor defenses and facilities in France, so as to facilitate the unloading of transports, likewise tended to speed up the release of ships, which are enabled to make trips more frequently than usual.

If production continues unhampered by labor troubles and if operations continue to give the results expected, the amount of tonnage is expected to show steady gains as the year progresses.

There has been a steady advance since Feb. 1, and it is believed this will continue if the workers do their part.

Food Administrator Hoover in a statement yesterday called on all patriotic shipworkers to enroll in the public service reserve. No amount of increased food production, decreased food use, or food substitution and saving would help unless ships for sending food across the Atlantic were available, he said.

"My anxieties about ships are no less numerous and various than those about food itself," he said. "Hence it is with the utmost earnestness that I endorse the idea of creating a voluntary reserve of men from which the man power necessary to solve the great problem of shipping can be recruited as rapidly as it can be used. For every army of fighters there is necessary a much larger army of loyal, eager men devoted to the maintenance of the fighting unit. One is as essential and truly patriotic a service as the other."

## MUST NOT FORECAST PRICES OF GRAIN

Experts of Brokerage Houses Forbidden to Disseminate Estimates Till April 1.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Opinions of experts on the probable course of prices of corn, oats and provisions, in the dissemination of which over leased wires board of trade brokerage houses spend many thousands of dollars, must not be sent out until April 1, according to a ruling by directors of the board of trade announced yesterday.

The purpose of the regulation is said to be to discourage miscellaneous speculation not directly concerned with the proper marketing and financing of crops.

**UNDERGROUND HANGARS.**  
Are Being Built By Germans to Protect Their Airplanes.

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—The German army is now constructing underground hangars for its airplanes as protection against English bombing raids, says the Echo Belge. At one of the principal Belgian aerodromes, hangars of this type capable of housing twelve machines have already been completed by the use of war-prisoner labor.

The hangars are of great depth and are protected overhead by a thick roof of concrete and earth. The machines are underground and emerge by a long runway in full flight. In returning they alight on the inclined plane, down which the machines run easily to their shelter.

## WOMEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD



The work of women on the battlefield or in the hospitals, nursing, cheering and comforting the wounded or dying, is a very small part of what women do to promote a country's fighting capacity.

Many of our American women are not strong enough to endure these hardships. Thousands of women in the United States have overcome their sufferings, and have been cured of women's ills by Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This temperance medicine, though started nearly half a century ago, sells most widely today, because it is made without alcohol or narcotics. It can now be had in tablet form as well as liquid, and every woman who suffers from backache, headache, nervousness, should take this "Prescription" of Dr. Pierce's. It is prepared from nature's roots and herbs and does not contain a particle of alcohol or any narcotic. It's not a secret prescription, for its ingredients are printed on wrapper. Write Dr. Pierce in full confidence, and send 10c for trial package of tablets to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y. "Favorite Prescription" is sold by all druggists in tablet form, sixty cents. A trial of this reliable herbal tonic and nerve will convince you.

## PACKERS' \$1,288 A YEAR AMPLE FOR FIVE, HE SAYS

Nelson Morris Also Thinks That Three Theatre Visits Are Enough.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Nelson Morris, testifying before Federal Arbitrator Alschuler in the inquiry into packing house wages, said he thought wages paid Morris & Co. employees were sufficient, and that \$1,288 a year was "infinitely higher than necessary for a family of five to live on."

A tentative budget for living expenses submitted by Frank P. Walsh, attorney for the employees, was shown Morris. He declared that for children going to school was unnecessary and that attendance at the theatre three times a year was sufficient entertainment. Morris thought \$20 a year each to clothe three children is too much and three pairs of shoes a year each looks like one pair too many.

Morris explained that, owing to variable receipts, often there is not enough work for 60 hours a week, but that his company paid a minimum of 40 hours. The maximum wage is 27½ cents per hour.

Morris said he was willing to adopt an eight-hour day in departments working 24 hours.

"The company is unwilling to inaugurate the plan because dissatisfaction would arise in other departments," he said. "But coming from the arbitrator, no objection would be made to an eight-hour day."

## COURTS WILL DECIDE.

Whether the Polar Ship Aurora Was Victim of Storm or U-Boat.

London, Feb. 21.—The British courts will be asked to decide whether the famous Polar exploration ship Aurora, wreckage of which was found near the Australian coast, was lost through storm or by German action. If the former, the marine insurance people will have to pay; if the latter, the loss will fall on the government war insurance.

The Aurora was last reported when she left Sydney, Australia, on June 20. As she had a cargo of coal, she may have fallen a victim to the German raider Seeadler.

**"ACADEMY" FOR WOMEN.**  
Will Be Limited to Ten Members, Headed By a Dressmaker.

Paris, Feb. 21.—An "Academy" for women on the lines of the French academy is to be founded, it is announced. It will be limited to ten members, the first list being composed entirely of well-known women writers. Attached to the academy will be an institute of fine arts, composed of women artists, sculptors, decorators and modists. The president of the institute will be a dressmaker.

## GERMAN RAID WAS FOILED

American Artillery Instantly Laid Down Heavy Barrage

GERMANS' RETURN PATH RED-MARKED

An American Private Killed by Bullet from a Machine Gun

With the American Army in France, Feb. 21.—(By Associated Press).—The Germans again attempted a raid against the American lines Tuesday night, but the raiders were discovered and the artillery laid down a heavy barrage instantly. The Germans' path back to the line was marked by red lines.

During the night a machine gun bullet killed an American private. Enemy planes flew over the entire position repeatedly yesterday.

## HAD BIG DEFICIT.

Berlin Motor Omnibus Co. Had a Very Poor Year.

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—The Berlin Motor Omnibus company, which was obliged to conduct its business last year almost entirely with horses and steel-tired vehicles owing to the prohibition of the use of gasoline or rubber tires, ended the year with a deficit of \$375,000.

## RID STOMACH OF GASES, SOURNESS, AND INDIGESTION

"Pape's Diapiesin" Relieves Stomach Distress in Five Minutes

You don't want a slow remedy when your stomach is bad—or an uncertain one—or a harmful one—your stomach is too valuable; you mustn't injure it with drastic drugs.

Pape's Diapiesin is noted for its speed in giving relief; its harmlessness; its certain, unfailing action in regulating sick, sour, gassy stomachs. Its quick relief in indigestion, dyspepsia and gastritis when caused by acidity has made it famous the world over.

Keep this wonderful stomach sweetener in your home—keep it handy—get a large fifty-cent case from any drug store, and then if anyone should eat something which doesn't agree with them; if what they eat lays like lead, ferments and sours and forms gas; causes headache, dizziness and nausea; eruptions of acid and undigested food—remember, as soon as Pape's Diapiesin comes in contact with the stomach it helps to neutralize the excessive acidity, then all the stomach distress caused by it disappears. Its promptness, certainty and ease in overcoming such stomach disorders is a revelation to those who try it.—Adv.

## HOOVER SAYS U-BOATS SINK 7 PER CENT OF FOOD

The General Average Is Decreasing—Railroads Are More Sharply Warned.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Launched and maintained with the avowed purpose of starving the allies, Germany's U-boat campaign has miserably failed.

New figures given Congress by Herbert Hoover showed a loss of but 7 per cent in food shipments during 1917.

Starting at the high water month last April, when 12 per cent went down, the food ship toll has steadily decreased. In October and November but "1 or 2 per cent" was lost.

But, Hoover warned more sharply against railroad failure in this country. This already, he said, has hurt food shipments vastly more than the enemy.

"The number of grain cars reaching terminals during the 10 months ending with January numbered 100,000 less than during the same period of 1916," Hoover said.

## ENGLAND IS EXPENDING \$31,920,000 EVERY DAY

Announcement Is Made by Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

London, Feb. 21.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, speaking in the House of Commons yesterday, said the average daily expenditure during the four weeks ending Feb. 16 was \$31,920,000.

## NAMES LENROOT SENATOR.

Governor Philipp of Wisconsin Chooses Hustung's Successor.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 21.—Governor Philipp Tuesday named Irvine L. Lenroot, Republican representative in Congress from the 11th Wisconsin district, as his choice for the United States Senate to succeed the late Senator Hustung. This announcement, which was made to the special session of the legislature, may end, temporarily, the fight for the seat against the La Follette-Pacifist faction in the state. Lenroot, although he adheres strongly to the view that a senator should be elected by the people, is expected to accept. Approval of the governor's selection by the legislature would, it is believed, relieve him from criticism should he do so. Lenroot has been the candidate of the Wisconsin Loyalists.

## MEXICO PRO-ENTENTE?

But Bill Favorable to That Side Was Rejected.

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 21.—Americans arriving from Mexico City say the Mexican Congress rejected a bill providing for benevolent neutrality by Mexico on the side of the entente powers in the war solely because of constitutional provisions that give the president, not Congress, authority to act on such a question.

The debate on the bill which was secret, is said to have been mainly pro-entente, especially in the Chamber of Deputies.

## Proof that Some Women do Avoid Operations

Mrs. Etta Dorion, of Ogdensburg, Wis., says:

"I suffered from female troubles which caused me much suffering, and two doctors decided that I would have to go through an operation before I could get well. I finally lost all my strength so I had to go to bed. The doctor advised an operation but I would not listen to it. I thought of what I had read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and tried it. The first bottle brought great relief and six bottles have entirely cured me. All women who have female trouble of any kind should try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

## How Mrs. Boyd Avoided an Operation.

Canton, Ohio.—"I suffered from a female trouble which caused me much suffering, and two doctors decided that I would have to go through an operation before I could get well."

"My mother, who had been helped by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, advised me to try it before submitting to an operation. It relieved me from my troubles so I can do my house work without any difficulty. I advise any woman who is afflicted with female troubles to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial and it will do as much for them."—Mrs. MARIE BOYD, 1421 5th St., N. E., Canton, Ohio.

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## A Great Going Out of Business Sale

Begins Saturday, February 23, the Entire Stock to Be Closed Out in Thirty Days!

**\$25,000** worth of good, staple and desirable merchandise must be sold and sold quickly

To the Buying Public of Chelsea and Surrounding Districts:

This great Closing-out Sale presents wonderful money-saving opportunities.

The prices quoted in this sale are but a fraction of the present market values, and it's the greatest opportunity you have ever had to buy all of your household needs at the very minimum of cost.

DROP EVERYTHING AND COME

TO THIS BIG SALE, for you may be assured of getting the greatest values ever offered in this section of the state.

COME DURING THE OPENING DAYS if possible, for the best bargains will surely go quickly.

CLOTHING, DRY GOODS, SHOES, RUBBERS, etc., at clean-up prices.

Dry Goods, Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing. Full line of Groceries, Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, Men's, Women's, Boys' and Children's Rubbers, Wall Paper, Window Shades, Carpets and Rugs.

## Now Is the Chance to Save on Your Shoe Purchases!

The entire stock will be in this sale at discounts that you cannot well afford to overlook.

## The Following Is a Partial List of the Many Bargains Offered in This Big, Closing Out Sale

Dress Gingham, regular 20c to 25c values, Sale Price yd., 12½c  
Odd Lot of Colored Wash Goods, 20c to 29c values, Sale Price, per yard .....15c

Odd Lot Dress Goods, values 75c to 85c, Sale Price, yard .....45c  
Odd Lot Cretonnes, close out price, per yard .....12½c

Curtain Scrims, 15c to 25c values, Sale Price, yard .....9c  
Plain and Fancy Ribbons, 25c to 29c values, Sale Price, yard .....19c

## FURS AT HALF PRICE

Laid's Wool Dress Skirts, Navy and Black, all at .....Half Price  
Short Lengths, etc., at Half Price and Less

Ladies' and Misses' Cloth Coats, Mixtures, etc., at .....Half Price  
Girls' Coats at .....Half Price  
Men's Work Shirts, 75c value, Sale Price .....49c

## OVERALLS AT SALE PRICES

Men's Brown Overalls, the \$1.00 grade at .....79c  
Men's Brown Overalls, the \$1.25 grade, at .....95c

Men's Brown Overalls, the \$1.50 grade, at .....\$1.10  
Children's Overalls at .....19c

Men's Dress Shirts, 75c value, Sale Price .....49c  
Men's Dress Shirts, \$1.00 value, Sale Price .....79c

Spool Silk, all colors, worth 12c, now, per spool .....7c

51 Boys' and Youths' Suits, values from \$7.00 to \$12.50, close-out price .....\$2.98

69 Men's and Youths' Overcoats at .....Half Price

119 Men's Working Pants, \$1.50 to \$2 values, close-out price .....89c

Odd Lot Men's Caps, to close out, each .....15c

Men's, Boys' and Ladies' Sweaters at Big Reductions

Any Hat in the store at half price

Men's Vellastic Fleece-Lined Underwear, shirts and drawers, \$1 value, now .....69c

Men's Ribbed Underwear, 75c value, now .....45c



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